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1. CARTER OUTLOOK: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" DECEMBER 15
REPORTED BLUMENTHAL (TREASURY) AND ADAMS (TRANSPORTATION)
APPOINTMENTS. "A CAPITAL" DECEMBER 14 CARRIED LARGE HEADLINE
ENTITLED, "ALTHOUGH HE HAS A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN BOTH
HOUSES, JAMES CARTER COULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH CONGRESS."
ARTICLE TAKEN FROM DANIEL BALA LA TIMES BYLINER CONCLUDED,
"EVERYTHING LEADS ONE TO BELIEVE THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
CARTER AND CONGRESS WILL BE DECIDEDLY LESS EASY THAN THOSE
IN THE TIME OF JOHNSON, THE LAST DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT TO
WORK WITH A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY."

2. MANSFIELD STATEMENT: "A CAPITAL" DECEMBER 14
REPORTED MANSFIELD AS URGING U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL
FROM SOUTH KOREA AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL RELATIONS WITH
VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, AND COMMUNIST CHINA. COMMUNIST
DAILY "DIARIO DE LISBOA" DECEMBER 14 CARRIED ARTICLE
ON MANSFIELD REPORT ENTITLED, "MIKE MANSFIELD
REPORT: ASIA SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY THE U.S.".

3. NY TIMES EDITORIAL: "NY TIMES" EDITORIAL
RECOMMENDING A SOCIALIST (PS) - SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
(PSD) COALITION IN PORTUGAL RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PRESS
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COVERAGE. THE COMMUNIST PRESS MADE THE FOLLOWING

COMMENTARIES:

A. "DIARIO DE LISBOA" DECEMBER 14 CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED, "AMERICANS INSIST UPON A PS-PSD COALITION." ARTICLE STARTED, "PICKING UP AGAIN AN IDEA ALREADY PRINTED SEVERAL TIMES THIS YEAR, THE "NY TIMES" SUGGESTED THAT A PS-PSD COALITION IS THE "BEST PROSPECT" FOR POLITICAL STABILITY IN PORTUGAL."

B. "O DIARIO" DECEMBER 15 CARRIED EDITORIAL WITH FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO NYTIMES: "THEFACT THAT OTHER INTERNATIONAL POWERS ARE INSISTING UPON THE OLD REFRAIN OF A 'SOCIALIST-SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC' ALLIANCE -- AS WAS VERIFIED BY THE SPOKESMEN OF IMPERIALISM, THE NYTIMES -- POINTS TO A CERTAIN DISENCHANTMENT ON THE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL FINANCIAL CIRCLES WITH THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS."
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